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MARCH TO THE ARCH WINS GRADE II, \$250,000 WISE DAN AT CHURCHILL DOWNS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Saturday, June 15, 2019) – Live Oak Plantation's 4-year-old gelding **March to the Arch** surged past 71-1 longshot **All Right** in the final yards to win Saturday night's 30th running of the \$250,000 Wise Dan (Grade II) at Churchill Downs by a neck. **Admission Office**, the 2-1 favorite in the field of 13 older horses, was another neck back in third while 33-1 outsider **Parlor** finished another head back in fourth.

Ridden by **Tyler Gaffalione** and trained by **Mark Casse**, March to the Arch ran 1 1/16 miles over firm turf in 1:40.58 to collect his third stakes win and first against Grade II company.

March to the Arch was covered up along the hedge in mid-pack during the early stages of the race as **Siem Riep** led the field through swift fractions of :23.34, :46.88 and 1:10.70. All Right grabbed the lead from Siem Riep with a furlong to run as March to the Arch sliced his way through traffic to get in the clear from the outside. He closed with a rush to just get his neck in front at the finish line.

The victory was worth \$142,600 and boosted March to the Arch's bankroll to \$380,650 with a record of 5-2-1 from 13 starts.

March to the Arch returned \$23, \$12 and \$6.80 at odds of 10-1. All Right, ridden by **Adam Beschizza**, returned \$61.60 and \$16.40. Admission Office paid \$3.20 to show. Parlor was fourth and was followed by **First Premio**, **El Picaro (Chi)**, **Hot Springs**, **Bourbon Resolution**, **Cullum Road**, **Get Western**, Siem Riep, **Holiday Stone** and **Itsinthepost (FR)**. **Noble Commander** and **Inspector Lynley** were scratched.

March to the Arch, a son of Arch out of the Black Sam Bellamy (IRE) mare Daveron (GER), was bred in Florida by her owner **Charlotte Weber**.

The Wise Dan, formerly known as the Firecracker until 2016, was renamed to honor **Mort Fink's** 2012-13 Horse of the Year that compiled a remarkable lifetime record of 31-23-2-0—\$7,7552,920 from 2010-14, including seven Churchill Downs wins and two Firecracker triumphs.

WISE DAN QUOTES

Tyler Gaffalione, jockey of MARCH TO THE ARCH (winner): "The race set up beautifully. The speed went ahead and I was able to tuck in going into the first turn. So, we were saving ground all around and I kind of just followed Corey (on Parlor) when he started making his move. When I got him outside, he really exploded. He just kicked it into gear."

David Carroll, assistant trainer of MARCH TO THE ARCH (winner): "It was just a super ride by Tyler. He saved ground all the way around, swung him out and he kicked hard. What a race. IT was only his third start of the year. He ran at Tampa and got beat only five lengths to Bricks and Mortar. Hopefully he'll have a big year going forward. Not only is Tyler a tremendous rider, he's a tremendous person. He's very mature and it shows every time he rides for us."

John Ortiz, trainer of ALL RIGHT (runner-up): "I had tears in my eyes cheering so loudly that I thought we won. I'm so incredibly proud of this horse. We were so close and he ran such a phenomenal effort."

Joel Rosario, jockey of ADMISSION OFFICE (third): "We were pretty far back but we were closing fast. We just didn't get there in time. He ran a good race and had a strong turn of foot."

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